#16 *FORUM POST ON THE RICH YOUNG MAN

Dear J____,

You said:

What's odd is, your theology says there's nothing people can do to find the knowledge of God, but then cite a passage of scripture where God tells people what they can do to find his knowledge.

And the rich mans' problem wasn't doing works for Gods' glory. His problem was that he loved wealth more than God,

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! Mk.10:23

To understand scripture, a believer must be given "eyes that can see". This is a gift from Christ. When a believer has this gift, they understand that scripture is teaching on spiritual things (my words are spirit) and not physical things.

The Old Covenant is based on <u>man's works and is physical & outward</u>. But the New Covenant is solely <u>Christ's work and is spiritual & inward</u>. The believers who are without spiritual understanding usually apply Christ's teachings as being literal and outward as you are doing with Christ's teaching on the rich man. The called believers who Christ is calling "rich" are those who believe that they are rich in the spiritual sense but Christ says that they are in fact, poor. These people are the Jews and nowadays are also the Called out Christians.

In the verses below, Christ is speaking of these believers:

Rev 3:17 So -- because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit thee out of my mouth; because thou sayest -- I am rich, and have grown rich, and have need of nothing, and hast not known that thou art the <u>wretched</u>, and <u>miserable</u>, and <u>poor</u>, and <u>blind</u>, and <u>naked</u>,

To be <u>cold</u> is to be an unbeliever and to be <u>hot</u> is to be a converted believer. But the believers who are <u>lukewarm</u> (mixing works with faith) are the believers who have been made <u>worse than the first</u> (**Mat 12:43-45**). They are spiritually blind & deceived and their spiritual condition has been made into a Man of Sin. These are the ones who believe they are spiritually rich and are in need of nothing. But Christ says that they are "**wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked''.** And for this reason, He will vomit them out of His mouth. In other words, He will say to them that He never knew them.

Here is the story of the rich young man <u>again</u> but this time, try to receive the words of Christ as being spiritual rather than literal.

Mat 19:16-22 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him,

Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

When Christ is speaking to the young rich man in **Mat 19:16-22**, Christ tells the man to sell all his riches and give the proceeds to the poor. However, Christ is speaking about the man's <u>spiritual riches of this world</u>. These riches have taught the young man that salvation can come through his own works (following the Law of Moses). However, the man's riches are false riches because in truth, the man has no ability to keep the Law perfectly. The man is actually spiritually poor because his beliefs are of this world and are false.

When Christ answers the young man's question of what he needs to do to <u>inherit</u> life in the ages, Christ tells him to sell his riches and give the proceeds to the spiritually poor. However, the man can only understand Christ's words in a carnal and literal way because the man is spiritually blind. The man believes that Christ is telling him to give up all his physical riches. So when the man hears what Christ says, the man goes away sorrowful because he is not willing to give up his earthly riches. But Christ is actually telling the man to give up his worldly spiritual riches (his carnal beliefs in his own works) so that He can receive <u>treasure in heaven</u>, the true knowledge of God. If the man would give up his worldly spiritual riches and receive the true spiritual riches of God, He would then be empowered to follow Christ and be made perfect through the New Covenant. The works of the New Covenant are solely the works of Christ and His works are spiritual and inward.

But the man cannot give up his riches because Christ has not given him <u>eyes that can see</u> (spiritual understanding). To receive these "eyes", the man must be <u>chosen</u> by Christ and receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

You said:

The "rain" of the Spirit is the teachings of Christ. People who receive them, whether early (the OT) or latter (the NT) aren't deceived.

Your understanding is not correct.

To understand the meaning of a spiritual term used in scripture, Paul says to "compare spiritual with spiritual" (**1Cor 2:13**). In other words, we are to look within scripture to see how the term is used elsewhere and then with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, its true meaning can be discerned.

Water in scripture is the spiritual term used for the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. It can be referred to as rain and even spit. Look at these verses:

Acts 2:17 And it shall be in the last days, saith God, <u>I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh</u>, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

Mar 1:8 I indeed did baptize you with water, but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Mar 9:41 for whoever may give you to drink a cup of water in my name, because ye are Christ's, verily I say to you, he may not lose his reward;

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and he who is hearing -- let him say, Come; and he who is thirsting -- let him come; and he who is willing -- let him take the water of life freely.

When Elijah withheld the rain for 3 1/2 years, it was to teach us a spiritual truth that Christ would later fulfill in this age. James included Elijah's prophecy in his teaching on the Early and Latter Rain because it teaches about them:

James 5:17-18 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

The 3 1/2 years is a spiritual term. It is the same as Daniel's time, times and half a time. It is also the same as 1260 days and 42 months. I have mentioned this before in one of my earlier posts. The time of Elijah's drought represents the time <u>between</u> the Early and Latter Rain of the Spirit. This time of drought is the time when we fall away and are made spiritually <u>worse than the first</u> (**Mat 12:43-45**, Man of Sin). Then James says that Elijah prayed <u>again</u> and the heaven gave rain. This <u>Rain</u> is the Latter Rain when a believer will bring <u>forth her fruit</u>. This is when a believer is saved

Your understanding of the Early and Latter Rain is not correct.

Joe

Dear J____,

You said:

Your problem is that you think the only reason Jesus came into this world was to save everyone,, but he came as a witness. In fact, The Witness for judgment.

Here is what Christ came to do:

Mat 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: <u>he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit</u>, <u>and with fire</u>: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

As I have said before, FIRE is the spiritual term for Christ's judgment. Christ came to baptize all mankind with the Holy Spirit AND He came to judge all mankind with FIRE.

Mark 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

Luke 12:49 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

1Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire.

1Pet 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, <u>though</u> <u>it be tried with fire</u>, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

We cannot be saved without both the Holy Spirit and Judgment. Judgment purifies us. For that reason, Christ is anxious to start His judgment upon mankind. Then from His judgment, we will learn righteousness and be redeemed.

Psa 33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Isa 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Isa 4:4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

Isa 61:8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Jer 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these [things] I delight, saith the LORD.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, <u>the inhabitants of the world will learn</u> <u>righteousness</u>.

Psa 9:8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

Prov 28:5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.

You quoted:

These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 2Tim.1:9

Here is the verse again when properly translated:

2Thess 1:9 who shall suffer justice -- destruction age-during -- from the face of the Lord, and from the glory of his strength,

This verse is speaking of those in the final age who experience judgment in the Lake of Fire. Their judgment is only for the age:

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away to punishment age-during, but the righteous to life ageduring.'

The destruction they experience in the final age is part of the conversion process and <u>is spiritual</u>. Our spiritual condition we have from birth must be destroyed and replaced with a new spiritual condition.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

The Elect experience this destruction in this age (first death) but all others will experience it in the final age (second death).

All mankind will be converted from the old vessel, into a new vessel. This is the spiritual work of Christ and it happens because of the "will" of God. Man has no say in the matter.

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as <u>nothing</u>; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and <u>none can stay his hand</u>, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Joe

Dear J____,

I believe there are up to seven baptisms mentioned in scripture but there is only ONE baptism that permanently saves us. This ONE baptism is the Latter Rain/Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is the baptism that most Christians mistakenly believe they received when they were water baptized and called out from the world. However, this baptism was the Early Rain of the Spirit and <u>not</u> the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

The Latter Rain is the baptism that the 120 Jewish Elect received on the Day of Pentecost. It is also the one Paul received in Damascus after being in bed for three days (blind, not eating or drinking).

Since the 120 Jewish Elect received the Latter Rain on the Day of Pentecost, when did they receive the Early Rain?

I'll answer that question below, but before I do, let's look at the first baptism the Nation of Israel received so that we don't confuse it with the Early Rain baptism.

Here is what Paul says:

1Cor 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the (Red) sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the (Red) sea;

So what does this baptism represent?

Is it the Early Rain? No.

Let's look at it piece by piece (symbol by symbol).

The scripture says that the Israelites were baptized "unto Moses". Moses is a spiritual symbol for the Law.

The scripture also says that the Israelites were "under the cloud" and were baptized "in the cloud". The "cloud" is a spiritual symbol for Jesus Christ when He is veiled from mankind due to their carnality. In other words, the Israelites followed Christ by day but He was veiled from their understanding. And just like Paul on the Damascus Road, the Israelites could hear Christ (via Moses) but they could not see who was actually speaking to them.

The scripture also says that the Israelites "passed through the (Red) sea" and were baptized in it. The Red Sea is also a spiritual symbol. The term "sea" represents carnal mankind. The term "red" represents sinfulness. Since the Israelites passed through the Red sea on dry ground, we must consider the spiritual meaning of "dry ground".

Exo 14:16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of <u>Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea</u>.

The term "dry" represents that something is void of the Holy Spirit. The term "ground" means the same as the symbol "earth" which represents mankind's carnality.

By assembling all the symbols of the scripture together, we can discerned that the Red Sea baptism is the baptism into Law (Moses) which was under the authority of Jesus Christ (cloud). Since the baptism was a "dry" baptism, the Israelites did not receive the Holy Spirit and as a result, Christ would remain "veiled" and "without". And since the Israelites were baptized into Law (Moses), the Law (through the animal sacrifices) would not let them be touched by mankind's sinfulness (Red Sea).

The next baptism the Israelites would receive (at least some of them would) is the Early Rain.

Here is what Christ told Moses:

Deu 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his <u>due season</u>, the Early Rain and the Latter Rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Christ told Moses that He would give them the Early and Latter Rain in "due season". The "due season" commenced when Christ appeared in the flesh. The Israelites who recognized that Jesus was the Christ

were the ones who had been given the Early Rain. We know this to be true because "no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit":

1Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

Since the Early Rain of the Spirit is a spiritual baptism and cannot be seen with human eyes, the only way to know that a person received it is to look for the outward evidence of it.

The scripture below is the evidence that the twelve disciples had received the Early Rain of the Spirit:

Mat 10:1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them <u>power</u> (Holy Spirit) against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

John 6:66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 <u>Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord</u>, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 <u>And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God</u>. 70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

Note: Judas was a "type" for what would later happen to the church when the spirit of anti-Christ came into it.

As for the water baptism that Christ and His disciples performed, it represented the Early Rain of the Spirit but it was also a physical shadow for the Latter Rain (Baptism of the Holy Spirit) that would be poured out later when Christ came a "second time" on the Day of Pentecost.

This verse below mentions the water baptism:

John 3:26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, <u>the same baptizes</u>, and all men come to him.

When a person receives the Early Rain, they are indwelt with a small amount of the Holy Spirit:

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, <u>as the small rain</u> (Early Rain) upon the tender herb, and as the showers (Latter Rain) upon the grass:

Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to <u>the small rain</u> (Early Rain), and to the great rain (Latter Rain) of his strength.

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God; for he giveth you <u>the</u> <u>former rain (Early Rain) in just measure</u>, and he causeth to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first month.

Even with just a small amount of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit would give the believer "spiritual gifts" and a measure of faith (**Rom 12:3**).

Here is where Paul speaks of the Early Rain that the new Gentile believers in Corinth received along with its accompanying spiritual gifts:

1Cor 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you (Early Rain): 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; <u>waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ</u>: 8 Who shall also <u>confirm you</u> <u>unto the end</u> (Latter Rain), that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The testimony of Christ was confirmed in the Corinthian believers when they received the Early Rain and its "gifts". With the Early Rain, the person would receive a measure of "faith" which would make the pathway "straight" for Christ to return later with the Latter Rain.

Paul mentions the "waiting" that all chosen believers must endure until Christ returns with the Latter Rain and salvation:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will <u>appear a second</u> <u>time</u>, not to bear sin, but <u>to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him</u>.

With the Latter Rain, a 'chosen" believer will be "sealed" with the Holy Spirit of Promise which is the down payment of their inheritance until they receive their glorious spiritual body at the time of the bodily resurrection.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, <u>ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise</u> (Latter Rain), 14 Which is the <u>down payment (earnest) of our inheritance</u> until the redemption of the purchased possession (immortal spiritual body), unto the praise of his glory.

The "sealing" of the 144,000 servants of God (the number represents all the Elect) in **Rev 7:1-8** represents that all the Elect will be sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise (Latter Rain) prior to the judgment of Christ arriving. In other words, the Latter Rain will make them "blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (**1Cor 1:8**).

Paul, when he addressed his letter to the church at Ephesus, distinguished between the believers who had received the <u>Latter Rain</u> and those who had only received the <u>Early Rain</u>:

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints (Latter Rain) which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful (Early Rain) in Christ Jesus:

After Paul's death though, the pathway to salvation would be altered because of the coming of the spirit of anti-Christ. The spirit of anti-Christ would come into the church and not "spare the flock". Those who fell prey to the wolves would be those who had only received the Early Rain. The spirit of anti-Christ would cause the "faithful" believers to mix their own "works" with their faith. This mixing of works with faith would cause the believer to fall from grace (also called "to fall away") and lose their salvation. This is how the church became apostate and it remains so up to today.

Back to the Nation of Israel:

After the Israelites passed through the Red Sea, they later came to the border of the Promised Land. At that time, they sent 12 men to spy out the Promised Land. When they came back, they reported seeing "giants in the land" ("types" the strongholds of our carnal nature that must be defeated). Ten of the men had no faith to believe they could be defeated. However, Joshua and Caleb (type of the 2 witnesses, the Elect) believed differently. They knew that God was on their side and with God, these giants could be defeated. Their report was based on faith, knowing that God could defeat them. The other ten men's report was not based on faith but was based on their own abilities (works) which they knew could not defeat the giants. The nation believed the evil report of the ten men so God would not allow the Nation to enter the Promised Land. God led them into the wilderness where they remained for 40 years. There in the wilderness, the entire Nation died who believed the report of the ten spies. Only Joshua and Caleb lived through their time in the wilderness and crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land. The Promised Land, the Judgment of Christ will fall on the Old Man until He is ground to powder. This time of Judgment was mentioned by John the Baptist:

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

John the Baptist is a "type" of the Old Man. After we receive the Latter Rain, the Old Man begins decreasing by judgment and the New Man begins maturing by eating the true bread from heaven.

Now to get to the points I wanted to make about the marriage analogy. The marriage analogy follows the same pattern. We are betrothed to Christ at the time of the Early Rain. It is at that time we are said to be virgins who must be made ready. Paul said this to his flock who had only received the Early Rain:

2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

1Cor 1:7-8 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also <u>confirm you unto the end</u>, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Both statements are speaking of the same coming event. That event is the second coming of Christ when He comes to a chosen believer with the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This is when the Marriage of the Lamb occurs (**Rev 19:7**).

The Marriage of the Lamb analogy is also explained in detail by the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

Once a chosen believer has been saved, the judgment of his Old Man begins:

1Pe 4:17 <u>For it is the ripe time for the judgment to begin</u> with the house of God; but, if <u>first with</u> <u>us</u>, what shall be the end of them who yield not unto the glad-message of God?

This judgment is shown to commence in Revelation chapter 19 just after the wedding ceremony. It is called the "Supper of the Great God" but is more commonly called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the <u>supper of the great God</u>.

This Judgment is the Baptism of FIRE that Christ came to do:

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: <u>he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit</u>, <u>and with Fire</u>:

FIRE is a spiritual symbol for Christ's judgment. Everyone will be baptized with the Holy Spirit AND with FIRE.

Mark 9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

1Cor 3:13-15 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

<u>Judgment is a necessary part of our salvation</u>. The Old Man must be destroyed from within us. The "Man of Sin" is destroyed quickly at the time of the Latter Rain but the Old Man continues to live within us for a time. He is being slowly crucified with Christ. This time of judgment is also referred to as the thousand years reign when the New Man <u>and</u> Christ reign over (judge) the Old Man until He is destroyed.

Are you able to receive any of what I have presented above? I know it is a difficult thing to "let go" of beliefs that we have held onto for many years. But to be saved, we ALL have to do it so that we can follow Christ by faith instead of by "works" (Doctrine of Free Will and Hell):

Matt 19:16-22 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

This story above is a spiritual teaching about letting go of our works so that we can follow Christ by faith and receive "treasure in heaven" (true knowledge of God).

The rich young man in the story is a type for Called Out believers. The young man is a Jew and has received the Baptism of Moses (type of the Early Rain). He believes He is rich because He was given the Law (great possessions). But Christ tells Him he must give up those possessions (belief in works, Law) so that he can follow Christ (faith alone). But because the young man had not received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, he could not let go of approaching Christ by works.

It may be later in the week before I have the time to start the new thread I mentioned.

I would like to hear your comments/questions on what I presented above. Joe

Dear J____,

Here is also a quick comment on your statement "in the event man fell":

Nothing in God's creation is left to chance. He controls everything from start to finish. Adam's fall was caused by God because it was necessary in the creation of His offspring who know good and evil. God takes mankind through evil so that we can know "good". To achieve this result, God created man spiritually flawed (marred at the hands of the potter) which, in turn, causes us to become carnally minded. When Adam and Eve fell, it had nothing to do with them making a Free Will choice to sin. God wanted them to become evil and children of the devil. Because He did, He caused it to happen.

Prov 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.

After evil has served its purpose in God's plan, God sent Christ to start the reconciliation process to restore us back to Him. Our salvation is the work of Christ. We do not and cannot contribute to it because of our carnal nature. Christ's plan for creating new vessels who are children of God is a long and complicated plan. Most of it is hidden in scripture and only revealed to His Elect after they receive the Latter Rain.

Ecc 3:11 He (God) has made everything <u>fitting</u> in its season; However, He has put <u>obscurity</u> in <u>their heart so that the man may NOT find out His work, that which God does, that which God does from the beginning to the end</u>.

<u>Mankind</u> will never find out the work of God; we are just too carnally minded. Only God's children who have the Mind of Christ have the ability to "see" His Plan of Salvation (God's work). Once an Elect believer is saved at the time of the Latter Rain, <u>they are no longer a part of mankind even though they still appear to be</u>:

1John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and <u>it doth not yet appear what we shall be</u>: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

The truth is they are now a new creation, a child of God who is <u>no longer</u> a part of mankind or this world.

If a believer is chosen, Christ will come to them and give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This will then be followed by judgment (Day of the Lord) which will destroy the Man of Sin whom they have become. This is conversion.

The events of the Latter Rain of the Spirit (birth of the child of God) and the Day of the Lord (judgment) are the most earth shaking events a person will ever experience. Spiritually speaking, there will be earthquakes, trumpets, thunder and lightning. The sun will be darkened and the moon will turn to blood – this means the believer will no longer receive their truth from this carnal world.

This same conversion event happened to me on Oct. 8th, 2005. It was the greatest day of my life.

I do have a short testimony in my profile that presents my conversion if you have an interest in knowing more about me.

Joe